CLAIMS:

1. A process for preparing an α, ω-functional siloxane compound in a purity of greater than or equal to 90%, said process comprising contacting a monohydrosiloxane compound of formula 1

with oxygen in the presence of a platinum group catalyst, without adding water, to form the α , ω -functional siloxane compound in a purity of greater than or equal to 90%;

wherein n is 0, 1, or 2;

R₁ is fluoroethyl, methyl or phenyl; and

R₂ is substituted alkyl, epoxyalkyl, oxetanylalkyl, substituted oxaalkyl, epoxyoxaalkyl, oxetanyloxaalkyl, alkenyl, alkylalkoxysilyl, substituted alkylaryl, and substituted arylalkyl.

'2. A process for preparing an α, ω-functional siloxane compound in a purity of greater than or equal to 90%, said process consisting essentially of contacting a monohydrosiloxane compound of formula 1

with oxygen in the presence of a platinum group catalyst, without adding water, to form the α , ω -functional siloxane compound in a purity of greater than or equal to 90%; wherein n is 0, 1, or 2;

R₁ is fluoroethyl, methyl or phenyl; and

R₂ is substituted alkyl, epoxyalkyl, oxetanylalkyl, substituted oxaalkyl, epoxyoxaalkyl, oxetanyloxaalkyl, alkenyl, alkylalkoxysilyl, substituted alkylaryl, and substituted arylalkyl.

'3. A process for preparing an α, ω-functional siloxane compound in a purity of greater than or equal to 90%, said process consisting of contacting a monohydrosiloxane compound of formula 1

with oxygen in the presence of a platinum group catalyst, without adding water, to form the α , ω -functional siloxane compound in a purity of greater than or equal to 90%; wherein n is 0, 1, or 2;

R₁ is fluoroethyl, methyl or phenyl; and

R₂ is substituted alkyl, epoxyalkyl, oxetanylalkyl, substituted oxaalkyl, epoxyoxaalkyl, oxetanyloxaalkyl, alkenyl, alkylalkoxysilyl, substituted alkylaryl, and substituted arylalkyl.

4. A process according to claim 1, wherein R₂ is a residue derived from a vinyl or allyl compound selected from

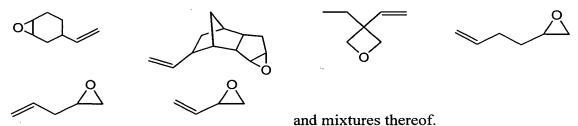
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5. A process according to claim 1, wherein the monohydrosiloxane compound is formed by combining the platinum group catalyst, a vinyl or allyl precursor for R₂ and a dihydrosiloxane compound of formula 3, having a purity of greater than or equal to 90%

$$\begin{array}{c|ccccc} & CH_3 & CH_3 & CH_3 \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ H-Si-O-Si-O-Si-O-Si-O-N \\ & & & \\ R_1 & & & \\ & & & \\ R_1 & & & \\ & &$$

wherein R₁ is fluoroethyl, methyl or phenyl.

- 6. A process according to claim 1, wherein the dihydrosiloxane compound and the vinyl or allyl compound are present in a 1:1 ratio on a molar basis.
- 7. A process according to any of the above claims, wherein R₂ is derivable from a vinyl or allyl compound selected from the group consisting of



8. A process according to any of claims 1-4, wherein the vinyl compound is



- 9. A process according to any of claims 1-4, additionally comprising epoxidizing the α , ω -functional siloxane to form an α , ω -epoxysiloxane.
- 10. A process according to any of claims 1-4, wherein R₂ is derived from



- 11. A process according to any of the above claims, wherein R¹ is methyl.
- 12. A process according to any of the above claims, wherein n is 0.
- 13. A process according to any of claims 1-4, wherein n is 1.

- 14. A process according to any of claims 1-4, wherein n is 2.
- 15. A process according to any of claims 1-4, wherein the platinum group catalyst is a rhodium compound.
- 16. A process according to any of claims 1-12, wherein the metal catalyst is (Ph₃P)₃RhCl.
- 17. A process for preparing a cationically photopolymerizable siloxane oligomer, said process comprising
 - a. combining a platinum group catalyst, a hydrosiloxane compound selected from

$$R_{3}-Si+\left(O-S_{i}-H\right)_{3} Si+\left(O-S_{i}-H\right)_{4} SiH O SiH$$

$$SiH_{O}-SiH$$

$$SiH_{O}-SiH$$

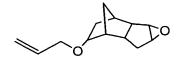
and a vinyl or allyl compound comprising cationically photopolymerizable functionality; and

b. contacting the product with oxygen in the presence of the catalyst to form the cationically photopolymerizable multifunctional siloxane oligomer; wherein R_1 and R_3 are independently fluoroethyl, methyl or phenyl.

wherein K₁ and K₃ are independently indolocity, methyl of phenyl.

18. A process according to claim 15, wherein the vinyl or allyl compound is selected from



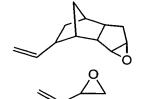


and mixtures thereof.

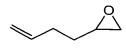
19. A process according to claim 15, wherein the vinyl or allyl compound is selected from the group consisting of











and mixtures thereof.

20. A process according to claim 15, wherein the vinyl compound is



- 21. A process according to claim 18, additionally comprising epoxidizing the α , ω -functional siloxane to form an α , ω -epoxysiloxane.
- 22. A process according to claim 15, wherein the vinyl or allyl compound is



- 23. A process according to any of claims 15-17, wherein R¹ and R₃ are methyl.
- 24. A process according to any of claims 15-17, wherein the platinum group catalyst is a rhodium compound.
- 25. A process according to any of claims 15-21, wherein the metal catalyst is (Ph₃P)₃RhCl.